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2010 School Health Profiles Report Background

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assists state and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education; physical education; school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, and nutrition; asthma management activities; and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data - one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. The two questionnaires were mailed to 291 regular secondary public schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in Montana during spring 2010. Usable questionnaires were received from 73% of principals and from 72% of teachers. Because the response rates for these surveys were greater than or equal to 70%, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public secondary schools in Montana having at least one of grades 6 through 12. Results from the principal and lead health education surveys are presented for the following types of schools in Montana:

- High schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or lower and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.